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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1135**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 4602 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1135, as amended, Skinner. Vehicles: registration renewal.

Existing law requires an owner of a vehicle to submit an application for renewal of a vehicle registration to the Department of Motor Vehicles no later than midnight of the expiration date.

This bill would require the owner of a vehicle, upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, to report the current odometer reading of the vehicle. The bill would require that information, except for the name *and address* of the vehicle owner *and the vehicle license plate number*, to be public information. *The bill would also require the department to group the information into census blocks, create a database that can compile census block data and sort it by block group, census tract, and city and county, and post the data on the department's Internet Web site.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2     following:

1 (a) To assist in achieving California's climate change policy  
2 objectives as these relate to the state's transportation planning  
3 goals, it is evident that better information about greenhouse gas  
4 emissions from motor vehicles will be essential.

5 (b) The current use of estimates and models for measuring the  
6 miles driven and the resulting emissions from those miles driven  
7 have been historically useful, but are considered generally  
8 inadequate for providing the specific transportation needs of the  
9 future.

10 (c) More accurate data about vehicle-miles-traveled—the  
11 mileage driven annually by Californians—would provide essential  
12 information to guide local transportation and land use planning.  
13 Location of transit corridor improvements, light rail, bicycle paths,  
14 and high-occupancy freeway lanes now depend on the estimates  
15 done by various state agencies, but all of these projects would  
16 benefit from more accurate data. Better data would also provide  
17 more consistent local and statewide estimates for transportation  
18 planning, city planning, and air quality planning efforts. The data  
19 would be essential in establishing long-term, historical trends in  
20 vehicle use, traffic congestion, energy consumption, and air quality  
21 measures, including ozone precursor pollutants and greenhouse  
22 gases.

23 (d) Mobile source emissions estimates would be improved due  
24 to the detailed information on vehicle-miles traveled by vehicle  
25 age. Newer vehicles tend to be cleaner, yet are driven more than  
26 older vehicles. This data would be of critical importance to the  
27 State Air Resources Board and local air districts in monitoring  
28 fleet turnover, and the efficacy of tailpipe controls in reducing  
29 criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases.

30 (e) Transportation planning models would be improved due to  
31 detailed information on vehicle-miles traveled by neighborhood  
32 for each registered vehicle. Vehicles owned by urban households  
33 tend to be driven less than vehicles owned in suburban and rural  
34 neighborhoods. This consistent statewide database would be critical  
35 in identifying trends in vehicle usage in the rural, suburban, and  
36 urban neighborhoods in California.

37 SEC. 2. Section 4602 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

38 4602. (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration  
39 shall be made by the owner not later than midnight of the expiration  
40 date, and shall be made by presentation of the registration card

1 last issued for the vehicle or by presentation of a potential  
2 registration card issued by the department for use at the time of  
3 renewal and by payment of the full registration year fee for the  
4 vehicle. If the registration card and potential registration card are  
5 unavailable, a fee as specified in Section 9265 shall not be paid.

6 (b) At the time of application for renewal of a vehicle  
7 registration, the owner shall report the current odometer reading.  
8 This information, except for the name *and address* of the vehicle  
9 owner *and license plate number of the vehicle*, shall be public  
10 information.

11 (c) *The department shall group the information into census*  
12 *blocks, as defined by the United States Census Bureau, and create*  
13 *a database that can compile the census block data and sort the*  
14 *data by block group, census tract, and city and county. The data*  
15 *shall be made available on the department's Internet Web site on*  
16 *an annual basis.*